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IMPLEMENTATION OF VKGUY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to implement the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, productwise, State-wise including West Bengal;

(c) the total number of rural people benefited through the scheme in these States, particularly in West Bengal;

(d) whether the Tea production in the country has declined;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to include tea in the VKGUY schemes, Market-Specific Assistance Scheme and scheme for the development of export infrastructure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c)The Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) has been implemented throughout the country. All exporters of the country are eligible to avail benefit under this scheme upon exports of products listed in Appendix 37A of the Handbook of Procedures Volume I of the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09, including exporters from West Bengal. No detailed survey has been undertaken to ascertain the total number of rural people who have benefited through the Scheme.

(d) & (e) As per information available with Tea Board of India, the tea production in the country for the January-September 2008 was 706744 Thousand Kgs as against 689263 Thousand Kgs in the same period in 2007.

(f) The government takes the demand supply situation and the need to assist the sector / products into account and thereafter if adequate resources are available, the products are included in VKGUY scheme.